

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2008. Claims 1-25, 27, and 28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-25, 27, and 28 are rejected. In response, Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 have been amended. The amendment does not add new matter. In view of the amendment and/or for the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit the rejections are improper and should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

In the Office Action, Claims 1-25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0079123 by Mas Ribes ("Ribes") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0103063 by Takayama et al. ("Takayama"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, in part, "transmitting a signal making a request for a resource provided by said first main apparatus to said second main apparatus through said first main apparatus." Claims 2, 7, and 8 are similarly amended.

The amendment is fully supported by the specification. For example, Applicants disclose "the mobile terminal 11 is capable of communicating with the resource apparatus 15 and 16 through the main apparatus 12-1 as well as communicating with other apparatus, which are connected to the Internet 21, through the main apparatus 12-1 and the Internet 21." Specification, paragraph [0116].

Regarding independent Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13-15, 19-21, 27 and 28, Applicants respectfully submit that Ribes and Takayama fail to disclose or suggest a second main apparatus and a value apparatus as is claimed and fully supported by the specification. Instead, Ribes discloses a user downloading a mobile code from a principal (software developer) and/or accessing a resource owned by another on a remote computer. See Ribes, paragraphs [0034] and [0091]. User and platform authentication are performed by the principal/resource owner on the apparatus that supplies the resource. See Ribes, paragraphs [0035] and [0092]. However, Ribes fails to disclose an apparatus external to the apparatus that supplies the resource that is involved in the authentication process. Thus, Ribes fails to disclose an information-processing system comprising a second main apparatus and a value apparatus. As a result, Ribes also fails to teach

a first main apparatus and a terminal that communicate with a second main apparatus and a value apparatus as claimed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Takayama fails cure the deficiency of Ribes for at least the following reasons.

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8, Takayama fails to disclose, at a minimum, a terminal “transmitting a signal making a request for a resource provided by said first main apparatus to said second main apparatus through said first main apparatus.” For example, Takayama is silent regarding the portable terminal 5 making a request to a second main apparatus through the service server 3 or the service terminal 4 which provide the service. See Takayama, paragraphs [0135]-[0145] and Fig. 1.

Regarding Claims 1, 9, 13, and 14, Takayama fails to disclose or suggest, at a minimum, a first main apparatus for allowing the terminal to utilize a resource and “for receiving a payment notification from said value apparatus as a notification informing said first main apparatus that an electronic value representing a price to utilize a resource has been paid from said second main apparatus as an electronic-value payment to said first main apparatus.” Instead, Takayama teaches the service server 3 or the service terminal 4, which provides the service, receives a “use of electronic value” from either the bank 7 or the portable terminal 5 but not from the electronic value issuing server 2. See Takayama, paragraphs [0135]-[0145] and Fig. 1.

Regarding Claims 1, 15, 19, 20, Takayama fails to disclose or suggest, at a minimum, a second main apparatus “for requesting said value apparatus to make an electronic-value payment for an electronic value to said first main apparatus in accordance with a signal received from said terminal as a signal making a request for a resource.” Takayama teaches the bank 7 receives a “transfer of electronic value” from the electronic value issuing server 2 but fails to disclose or suggest the bank 7 requesting anything from the electronic value issuing server 2. Instead, the portable terminal 5, not the bank 7, sends an “electronic value issue request” to the electronic value issuing server 2. See Takayama, paragraphs [0135]-[0145] and Fig. 1.

Regarding Claims 1, 21, 27, and 28, Takayama fails to disclose or suggest, at a minimum, a value apparatus for “making an electronic-value payment to said first main apparatus in accordance with a request received from said second main apparatus.” Instead, Takayama teaches the electronic value issuing server 2 transfers an electronic value to the bank 7, and not to

the service server 3 or the service terminal 4 which provide the service. Furthermore, the electronic value issuing server 2 transfers the electronic value to the bank 7 in accordance with a request from the portable terminal 5, not from a second main apparatus as claimed. See Takayama, paragraphs [0135]-[0145] and Fig. 1.

Applicants further note the Patent Office does not specifically state what elements of Ribes and Takayama allegedly teach a terminal, a first main apparatus, a second main apparatus, and a value apparatus as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants do not believe that the Patent Office can rely solely on Ribes and Takayama to render obvious the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the obviousness rejections with respect to independent Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13-15, 19-21, 27 and 28 and Claims 3-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-25 that depend thereon be reconsidered and the rejections withdrawn.

Conclusion


For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. 112857-472 on the account statement.

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